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Ann Bostrom is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where she teaches quantitative methods, environmental risk, and risk communication at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Dr. Bostrom has research interests in risk perception, communication and management, and in cognitive aspects of survey methodology. Her research focuses on mental models of hazardous processes (how people understand and make decisions about risks), and is funded by the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Among Dr. Bostrom's current research projects are a study on how to improve communication of the risks of vaccine-associated adverse events (collaborative with researchers at the University of Alberta and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), and survey studies of economic and environmental risk perceptions in Bourgas, Bulgaria (in collaboration with other researchers at Georgia Tech). She has published in journals such as *Risk Analysis*, *RISK: Health, Science and Environment*, *Environmental Science & Technology*, and the *Journal of Social Issues*. She co-authored *Risk Communication: A Mental Models Approach*, Cambridge University Press, 2001, with M. Granger Morgan, Baruch Fischhoff, and Cynthia Atman.

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